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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 30, 2005, Applicants submit the following for entry in the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto.

The Notice indicates that an amendment made to the application dated November 3, 2003, is incomplete. In particular, the second paragraph on page 12 was amended and was inadvertently not completely provided.

In response, Applicants submit the following complete second paragraph on page 12 of the application. No new matter has been added.

On page 12, please replace the second paragraph with the following:

EXAMPLE 3

This invention provides peptides with advantageous functions over other LBP-derived peptides that have the native sequence or different a.a. replacements to those herein described at positions +1, +5, +6, +7, +9, +10, +11, +12 and +13. Among these others are some peptides previously described by their ability to reduce LPS biological effects¹¹⁻¹⁴. In order to demonstrate the advantage of the preferred peptides of this invention over these previously described peptides, their antagonist activity upon LPS-induced responses was compared; the effect of these different peptides on the LPS-induced IL-6 production in cultures of human PBMC is illustrated in Fig. 5. The experimental procedure was similar to that one described in EXAMPLE 2. IL-6 was measured in culture supernatants after 18 h using a human IL-6 specific ELISA. In the represented experiment, the following peptides were evaluated: LPB₈₆₋₈₉, LBP-H (LBP₈₆₋₁₀₁, SEQ ID No. 56)¹³, LBP_{A94}, LBP_{A95}, and LBP_{A98}. IL-6 production was inhibited by more than 35% only by LBP_{A94}, LBP_{A95} and LBP_{A98}, which have essential a.a. as defined in the present invention at positions +9, +10 and +13 respectively. LBP_{A95} reduced the LPS-triggered response more than 70%, at every hLBP concentrations tested. This example remarks the capacity of the peptides of this invention to reduce the production of

pro-inflammatory cytokines by LPS-stimulated cells.

Respectfully submitted,



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